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EVENTS

Double Trouble: Metro Areas Wracked by Housing and Job Shocks

Tuesday, April 6, 2010; Noon-1:30 p.m. ET

This forum will dig beneath the data-found on MetroTrends, a new Urban Institute resource about conditions in the nation's metropolitan regions- and discuss what the public and private sectors should (or shouldn't) do to lift population centers out of their doldrums. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Exclusive commentary: current and former elected officials discuss TANF

March 3, 2010

Because the nation's welfare program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), is due to expire by October 2010, SPOTLIGHT has asked Governors, Mayors, and state legislators for their insights about the program's strengths and weaknesses in reducing poverty and improving opportunity in America. Over a span of three weeks, United States Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA), Delaware Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn (D), and Delaware State Senator Liane Sorenson (R-6) are answering three questions, one each week, about TANF in the 21st century. [Learn more...](#)

House Passes TANF Emergency Fund Extension

March 24, 2010

By a vote of 246-178, the House of Representatives on March 24 passed the small business jobs bill (H.R. 4849 - The "Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010"), which contains a one-year extension of the TANF Emergency Fund. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

America Insecure: Changes in the Economic Security of American Families

Gregory Acs, Austin Nichols

This paper synthesizes findings from a series of Urban Institute reports produced under the "Risk and Low-Income Working Families" research initiative funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur and Annie E. Casey Foundations. The paper places this research in the broader context of literature on economic mobility and income volatility. The report is structured around two key questions: (1) How have economic instability and insecurity changed for America's low-income working families changed over time? and (2) What are the factors that contribute to or offer protection from substantial income losses and promote or inhibit recoveries from such losses? [Learn more...](#)

February 2010: A Dramatic Shift Away from Private Fee-for-Service Plans in Rural Medicare Advantage Enrollment

Leah Kemper, MPH, Timothy D. McBride, PhD, M.
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In a reversal of recent trends, private fee-for-service (PFFS) enrollment fell dramatically in rural areas in early 2010. As a result, Medicare Advantage (MA) enrollment in rural areas (excluding other prepaid plans) fell slightly in early 2010 for the first time in years. The dramatic drop in PFFS enrollment was offset by increases in enrollment in preferred provider organization (PPO) and health maintenance organization (HMO) plans. Although PFFS enrollment has driven the rapid growth of the MA program in recent years, particularly in rural areas, the MA market share held by PFFS plans in rural areas fell significantly from 52% in December 2009 to 38% in February 2010.

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